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From: WASHINGTON

To: MOSCOW

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To VORONTSOV.

On 3rd April 1943 the Director of Naval Intelligence gave a dinner in honour of our meteorologists.

1. The Americans emphasized the part we played in their[a] being here and
[38 groups unrecovered and unrecoverable]

[Q% opinion] that the war with the Japanese must drag on for several years. The losses at PEARL HARBOUR had been made good: "we have enough ships". The second front in EUROPE would open soon, but the whole attention of the American Navy was concentrated as before on the PACIFIC. In this [D% connection the High Command] would go into the question of the need to get our bases and the prospects of our relations with the Japanese after the defeat of the Germans. Regret [D% was expressed] at the absence of Comrade STALIN at CASABLANCA, and the possibility[b] of his meeting ROOSEVELT soon.

[D% 2.] [2 groups unrecovered] fishery conventions with the Japanese gave rise to fresh distrust in American political and naval circles. [2 groups unrecovered] statements, [2 groups unrecovered]

[D% 3.] [2 groups unrecovered] for determining the meteorological situation and would always be ready to meet the American [1 group unrecovered].

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[Unidentified name][1]

Notes: [a] I.e. the meteorologists.

[b] "Impossibility" was perhaps intended.

Comments: [1] Unidentified name: Name No.5.

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